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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 22, 2004, applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to the embodiment of claims 1-34. The election is made without traverse.

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